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Birkholz completes aggressive, balanced agenda to protect natural resources

LANSING – Protecting Michigan’s environment while ensuring sustainable economic development was the chief accomplishment of Sen. Patty Birkholz’s first term in the Senate.

Topping the list of natural resources protections were:

- Crafting landmark legislation to safeguard our state’s surface and groundwater and preventing diversions of our Great Lakes;
- Passing new laws to ban the importation of invasive species; and
- Enacting key land use reforms to coordinate local land use planning.

“Michigan’s natural resources are our greatest asset and although there is still much work to do, I’m pleased with the progress we’ve made in protecting them,” said Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township. “It’s important to retain both our water quality and quantity and continue to use our land wisely for the generations to come.”

Birkholz also joined her Senate colleagues in passing legislation to create and retain jobs in Michigan, increasing funding for education and enacting a balanced budget without impacting essential services.

“We’ve made great progress the last few years despite the budget challenges Michigan has faced,” Birkholz said. “I look forward to continuing my efforts next term to help make the state a safe and inviting place to live and work.”

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